

**Education Cabinet  
Vocational Rehabilitation**

|  | <b>Revised<br/>FY 2006</b> | <b>Requested<br/>FY 2007</b> | <b>Requested<br/>FY 2008</b> | <b>Recommended<br/>FY 2007</b> | <b>Recommended<br/>FY 2008</b> |
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| <b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>                     |                            |                              |                              |                                |                                |
| <b>General Fund</b>                        |                            |                              |                              |                                |                                |
| Regular Appropriation                      | 12,608,300                 | 13,426,000                   | 13,677,300                   | 12,764,900                     | 12,807,000                     |
| Salary Compensation Fund                   | 167,400                    |                              |                              |                                |                                |
| Base Deduction                             | -68,700                    |                              |                              |                                |                                |
| <b>Total General Fund</b>                  | <b>12,707,000</b>          | <b>13,426,000</b>            | <b>13,677,300</b>            | <b>12,764,900</b>              | <b>12,807,000</b>              |
| <b>Restricted Funds</b>                    |                            |                              |                              |                                |                                |
| Balance Forward                            | 24,700                     | 10,900                       | 4,400                        |                                |                                |
| Current Receipts                           | 2,879,400                  | 2,673,500                    | 2,675,600                    | 2,673,500                      | 2,675,600                      |
| <b>Total Restricted Funds</b>              | <b>2,904,100</b>           | <b>2,684,400</b>             | <b>2,680,000</b>             | <b>2,673,500</b>               | <b>2,675,600</b>               |
| <b>Federal Funds</b>                       |                            |                              |                              |                                |                                |
| Balance Forward                            | 481,000                    |                              |                              | 252,600                        | 426,700                        |
| Current Receipts                           | 45,978,700                 | 47,940,200                   | 48,707,600                   | 46,086,800                     | 45,810,800                     |
| Non-Revenue Receipts                       | 134,300                    |                              |                              |                                |                                |
| <b>Total Federal Funds</b>                 | <b>46,594,000</b>          | <b>47,940,200</b>            | <b>48,707,600</b>            | <b>46,339,400</b>              | <b>46,237,500</b>              |
| <b>TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>               | <b>62,205,100</b>          | <b>64,050,600</b>            | <b>65,064,900</b>            | <b>61,777,800</b>              | <b>61,720,100</b>              |
| <b>EXPENDITURES BY CLASS</b>               |                            |                              |                              |                                |                                |
| Personnel Cost                             | 25,845,300                 | 29,004,700                   | 30,623,700                   | 26,737,000                     | 27,175,300                     |
| Operating Expenses                         | 4,719,500                  | 4,748,300                    | 4,748,300                    | 4,695,700                      | 4,719,100                      |
| Grants, Loans or Benefits                  | 31,327,700                 | 30,233,200                   | 29,632,900                   | 29,858,400                     | 29,255,500                     |
| Capital Outlay                             | 60,000                     | 60,000                       | 60,000                       | 60,000                         | 60,000                         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                  | <b>61,952,500</b>          | <b>64,046,200</b>            | <b>65,064,900</b>            | <b>61,351,100</b>              | <b>61,209,900</b>              |
| <b>EXPENDITURES BY FUND SOURCE</b>         |                            |                              |                              |                                |                                |
| General Fund                               | 12,707,000                 | 13,426,000                   | 13,677,300                   | 12,764,900                     | 12,807,000                     |
| Restricted Funds                           | 2,904,100                  | 2,680,000                    | 2,680,000                    | 2,673,500                      | 2,675,600                      |
| Federal Funds                              | 46,341,400                 | 47,940,200                   | 48,707,600                   | 45,912,700                     | 45,727,300                     |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                  | <b>61,952,500</b>          | <b>64,046,200</b>            | <b>65,064,900</b>            | <b>61,351,100</b>              | <b>61,209,900</b>              |
| <b>EXPENDITURES BY UNIT</b>                |                            |                              |                              |                                |                                |
| Carl D. Perkins Comprehensive Rehab Center | 8,101,600                  | 8,714,200                    | 9,091,400                    | 8,704,100                      | 8,878,000                      |
| Program Services                           | 52,573,100                 | 53,961,000                   | 54,546,200                   | 51,352,200                     | 51,039,600                     |
| Executive Director                         | 1,277,800                  | 1,371,000                    | 1,427,300                    | 1,294,800                      | 1,292,300                      |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                  | <b>61,952,500</b>          | <b>64,046,200</b>            | <b>65,064,900</b>            | <b>61,351,100</b>              | <b>61,209,900</b>              |

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation provides for and improves the vocational rehabilitation of citizens with physical and mental disabilities. The Office helps eligible persons with disabilities achieve suitable employment.

The Office uses vocational assessments, counseling and guidance services to match workers with disabilities to labor market needs. Job preparation activities include on-the-job training and vocational and classroom instruction. Job development and placement services assist the individual in obtaining and maintaining suitable employment. Transition activities support a move from the classroom to the workplace. Rehabilitation technology adapts the physical environment at work or home to meet employment needs. Follow-up services ensure that employment is progressing satisfactorily.

The Office also provides services for employers. The Office prepares job-qualified applicants, conducts job analyses, recommends job modifications, and conducts disability awareness programs. Other services include disability awareness

training programs and affirmative action planning and services to employees with disability related problems. As a result, employers experience risk reduction, save resources spent on training new hires, and increase cash flow through access to tax incentives.

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 authorizes and provides federal funding for state vocational rehabilitation programs. KRS 151B.180-210 complies with all provisions of the Act. The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR Chapter 34) and Title 781 of the Kentucky Administrative Regulations establish functions of the program. The Office also complies with relevant sections of the Kentucky Department of Education's administrative regulations.

Program Planning and Development provides administrative and staff functions to enhance equitable, efficient service delivery to eligible individuals with disabilities. The Division has statewide responsibility for program planning, program evaluation, policy development, human resource development, job development and placement, and development of new and innovative programs. The Division also provides staff support to the Statewide Advisory Council for Vocational Rehabilitation and the Statewide Independent Living Council. Federal regulations require an approved State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services under Title I of the Rehabilitation Act as a condition for receiving Federal Funds. State plans, administrative regulations and policy development are housed in Planning and Development. Strategic, long-range planning addresses the economic and public policy needs of the identified 346,000 Kentuckians of working age with disabilities who are unemployed, as well as the more than 60,000 children with severe disabilities who will soon enter the vocational rehabilitation service delivery system.

The Carl D. Perkins Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center (CDPCRC) at Thelma, Kentucky, is a multi-disciplinary residential rehabilitation facility located in Johnson County. The proportion of disabled individuals in the population of Kentucky is highest in southeast Kentucky. Although the majority of referrals to the CDPCRC come from the eastern part of Kentucky, staff of the Center regularly provide services to consumers from the entire Commonwealth.

The CDPCRC operates five major programs: Vocational Evaluation; Work Adjustment; Vocational Training; Physical Restoration/Outpatient Medical Rehabilitation; and Brain Injury Community Re-entry. All programs meet state of the art standards for program quality as documented by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CARF is the nationally recognized accreditation authority for organizations serving consumers with disabilities. CARF standards require that accredited facilities provide consumers with timely, quality services that meet the needs of each individual. Center staff utilize CARF accreditation as a marketing tool to obtain new referrals for all programs. The Center's Outpatient Program is Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) licensed.

Within these five programs, the following professional services are available: comprehensive vocational assessment, vocational training, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, nursing services, physician services, adjustment services, psychological and psychiatric services, adult therapeutic recreation, vocational rehabilitation counseling, social services, assistive technology, transportation, and administrative services. A wide range of educational programs and services including developmental math, reading, and GED test preparation and the External Diploma Program are also available. The CDPCRC offers individualized placement services through Preparing Adults for Competitive Employment (PACE) and an Employment Relations Specialist.

The Program Services unit provides direct vocational rehabilitation services to eligible individuals who have physical or mental disabilities to enable them to achieve suitable employment. Program Services is responsible for the actual intake and client service delivery efforts of the Office and performs certain administration functions.

The Division implements the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and must make available services appropriate to the needs of individuals with disabilities. The services enumerated in the Rehabilitation Act include: evaluation of vocational rehabilitation potential; counseling and guidance; physical and mental restoration services; vocational and other training services; maintenance; transportation; services to family members; interpreter services and note-taking services for persons who are deaf; reader services and note-taking services for persons who are blind; assistive technology and devices; personal assistance services; recruitment and training services; placement; post-employment services; occupational licenses, equipment, initial stock, and supplies; and other goods and services needed for employment.

The Administrative Management Division provides all administrative, technical, and budget related services for the Office and is responsive to the needs of the direct service delivery program staff. Responsibilities include budgeting, purchasing, financial reporting, and federal grant accounting. The Division oversees the implementation and administration of the automated case management system and coordinates the development of application programs. Staff in the Division are also responsible for records retention and maintenance of the Office's inventory records.

The Division coordinates the recouping of program income through the Social Security Administration (SSA). This is coordinated with the SSA for reimbursement of paid vocational rehabilitation services for individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/disability benefits. The Division negotiates on behalf of the Office and certain community rehabilitation programs for the purchase of facility and community-based competitive employment outcomes and vocational evaluations. The staff then monitors the success of purchased services.